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# des·ic·cant

**des·ic·cant** (d sĭkĕnt) *noun*

A substance, such as calcium oxide or silica gel, that has a high affinity for water and is used as a drying agent.

[From Latin *d sicc ns*, *d siccant-*, present participle of *d sicc re*, to desiccate. See desiccate.]

— **des ic·cant** *adjective*

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# com·po·si·tion

**com·po·si·tion** (kəmˈpɒzɪʃən) *noun*

*Abbr. comp.*

1. a. The combining of distinct parts or elements to form a whole. b. The manner in which such parts are combined or related. c. General makeup: *the changing composition of the electorate*. d. The result or product of composing; a mixture or compound.
2. Arrangement of artistic parts so as to form a unified whole.
3. a. The art or act of composing a musical or literary work. b. A work of music, literature, or art, or its structure or organization.
4. A short essay, especially one written as an academic exercise.
5. *Law*. A settlement whereby the creditors of a debtor about to enter bankruptcy agree, in return for some financial consideration, usually proffered immediately, to the discharge of their respective claims on receipt of payment which is in a lesser amount than that actually owed on the claim.
6. *Linguistics*. The formation of compounds from separate words.
7. *Printing*. Typesetting.

[Middle English *composicioun*, from Old French *composition*, from Latin *compositi*, *compositi* *n-*, from *compositus*, past participle of *comp* *nere*, to put together. See component.]

— **com po·si tion·al** *adjective*

— **com po·si tion·al·ly** *adverb*

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# des·ic·cate

**des·ic·cate** (d sĭkēkēt) *verb*

**des·ic·cat·ed; des·ic·cat·ing, des·ic·cates** *verb, transitive*

1. To dry out thoroughly.
2. To preserve (foods) by removing the moisture. See synonyms at dry.
3. To make dry, dull, or lifeless.

*verb, intransitive*

To become dry; dry out.

*adjective* (also -kēt)

Lacking spirit or animation; arid: *"There was only the sun-bruised and desiccate feeling in his mind"* (J.R. Salamanca).

[Latin *d sicc re*, *d sicc t-*: *d -*, *de-* + *sicc re*, to dry up (from *siccus*, dry).]

— **des ic·ca tion** *noun*

— **des ic·ca tive** *adjective*

— **des ic·ca tor** *noun*

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